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# Langford-Green begins new top job at Wayne Co.

By Rosemary K. Otzman Independent Editor

Shonta Langford-Green, former interim superintendent of the Van Buren Public Schools, began her new job with Wayne County just three days after she was named in a Civil Rights law suit filed by four Savage Elementary teachers.

Green started her job May 23 as Wayne County's new Director of Personnel / Human Resources at a salary of \$124,450. Green replaces Tisuha King who had been paid \$123,500.

Green had been employed by the school district as Human Resources Director since July 2011, and resigned as of May 11 just weeks before her contract was due to expire. She had taken on the extra position of interim superintendent after Michael Van Tassel was terminated in February.

The Van Buren Schools had paid her a base salary of \$111,890, and added \$100 a day for her extra role as interim superintendent.

Her leaving sooner than expected required the school board to name a second interim superintendent, Diane Kullis, to serve until a new superintendent is hired and on the job.

Green came to Van Buren from the Ann Arbor Public Schools where she worked from 2002 to 2011, and was assistant director of Human Resources when she left. She holds a master's degree in Human Resources Administration.

Both Green and Van Tassel are named in the federal law suit, along with six of the seven members of the school board.

According to a published report, Wayne County's administration said it is not concerned about the federal law suit that names Green and believes it has found a "huge talent" in Green who has 17 years of experience in human resources.

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Independent photos by Rosemary K. Otzman



Postal Regulations Require This Space On The Front Page. Memorial Day The turnout was the largest in years for Monday's annual Memorial Day event at the Veterans Memorial in Belleville. A big part of the ceremony revolved around the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Polish League of American Veterans. The VFW/PLAV Honor Guard, left, gave the 21-rifle salute. Members also played Taps and prepared the presentations honoring Gerald Bird, BHS class of 1939, and Eddie Baggett, BHS 1942, who both died in World War II and are named on the monument. Members of their families were in the front row of the audience as the detailed stories of their short lives were told. The ceremony began after the large group of motorcycles rolled in. There was music and short speeches and a reading of names of veterans who have died since last year's event, each name marked with the tolling of bells. Canton Young Marines took part in leading the event, above.

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## Rotary scholarship students feted at 71st annual awards night

On May 24, the Belleville Rotary Club held its 71st Annual Scholarship Award

Ten scholarships of \$2,000 each were awarded to Belleville High graduates. The club recognized seven recipients of firsttime scholarships and three recipients of second-year, renewal scholarships.

First-year scholarship recipients (class of 2016) are: Jared Bellingham, Brandon Bond, Bianca Crowder, Justin Green, Leah Hardy, Jayla Jackson, and Kameron

Renewal scholarships were awarded to Vernice Lowe, Emily Mall, and Haley

After welcoming remarks and an overview of Rotary's scope and purpose, a brief history of the club's scholarship program was presented by club president Julie Hardy.

Rotarian Debra Juchartz outlined the proceedings of the evening and offered greetings to the numerous local dignitaries

Juchartz, who is also the chair of the club

Scholarship Committee, then introduced featured speaker Elizabeth Smith Yeats who is a recent Past District Governor for Rotary International District 6400, of which the Belleville club is a member.

Smith Yeats' presentation, directed primarily at the student awardees, stressed that each individual has his or her own life story to live. Everyone's is different and yet most can be based on much of the simple truths found in Robert Fulghum's book "All I Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten."

Taking examples from her own life story, Smith Yeats encouraged the awardees to be willing to be surprised, to change if original plans are not working, and to take time off when they're ill.

After Past District Governor Smith Yeats talk, each of the scholarship recipients gave a brief biographical summary and commented on their plans and hopes for

Since its inception, Belleville Rotary has awarded \$470,000 to BHS students as part of the scholarship program. This year, as



Rotary Scholarship winners are, from left, Emily Mall, Haley Richardson, Jared L. Bellingham, Leah Hardy, Brandon Bond, Jayla Jackson, Kameron Owen, Bianca Crowder, Justin Green, and Vernice Lowe.

in recent years, the primary funding source the club in the funding or partial funding of for the program has been the Charles B. Cozadd Rotary Foundation which assists

many of its projects.

## Menards expresses concerns about economy, to wait a year

By Rosemary K. Otzman Independent Editor

Menards ownership has expressed concerns about the economy and so it has delayed plans to build in Van Buren Township by a year.

At the regular meeting of the Van Buren Township Planning Commission on May 25, Ron Akers, VBT director of planning and economic development, said the township had been told in February that Menards would begin construction in the second quarter of 2016.

But recently when the township checked with Menards, it was told construction plans of all new stores company-wide had been put on hold, Akers said. Menards is expected it will be ready to build in 2017.

He said meanwhile, Menards wants to make sure that all the permits and approvals are in place for construction next year and the township is helping in that matter.

"I don't want to speculate too much," Akers said, "but for the same reason they stopped in 2012 – every Presidential

In other business at the May 25 meeting, the commission:

- Heard a report on the Lakeshore Ordinance work group of 14 people with residence on and interest in Belleville Lake. Akers said the group held its first meeting on May 23. It was a productive meeting and it plans to meet once every two weeks to work on the ordinance, he said;
  - Held a public hearing on a request

to rezone 1.54 acres zoned M-1 (Light Industrial) to R-1B (Single Family Residential). The property is a landlocked vacant lot behind two R-1B parcels at 841 Savage. Richard Stull and his wife wish to sell their house and property, but this industrial zoning is holding up a pending sale. They want to move to Florida after living at that location for 53 years. No one spoke against the rezoning and a neighbor spoke in support of the plan. It will be voted on at an upcoming meeting;

- Held a public hearing on the request by the VBT Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA) to rezone a 1.04-acre parcel on the south side of Ecorse, west of Hannan, from AG (Agriculture) to R-1B (General Business District) so it can be sold ready to be developed. The parcel is leftover land from when Ecorse Road was widened, said Sally Hodges of McKenna Associates planning consultants. This will be voted on at an upcoming meeting;
- Approved a Tree Permit for ALDI, Inc., which asked for the permit before the final site plan is approved so it can get busy on clearing the land. It wants to open the store before the holidays. The site is just south of AutoZone on Belleville Road; and
- · Approved the final site plan for Verdeterre Contracting, Inc., at 7994 Belleville Road, for a 1,440-square-foot addition to its building. Verdeterre will give a contribution to the VBT Downtown Development Authority for a sidewalk in front of its business that will be build when

Belleville Road is widened.

The meeting was led by vice chairman chairperson Carol Thompson.

Donald Boynton in the absence of

## **MDNR** upgrading Belleville Lake East boating access site

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources announced May 25 that the Belleville Lake East boating access site, located in Van Buren Township between the BYC and the mobile home park on Loza Lane, will have intermittent lane closures in early June.

The closures are due to the replacement of planks at the boat launch. Boaters will be able to use the launch during this first phase of the project, according to a news release from the DNR.

The next closest DNR boat launch is the Belleville Lake West boating access site on Rawsonville Road, also in Van Buren Township.

A Recreation Passport is required for vehicle entry to Belleville Lake East and West boating access sites. Information about the Recreation Passport is at www. michigan.gov/recreationpassport.

#### Cruisin' the Creek car shows to be held Fridays

The first of the Cruisin' the Creek Friday car shows will be held at 5:30 p.m. June 3 at The Creek at 50521 West Huron River Drive, Van Buren Township.

The first show will help support Kevin Robertson who has just started his chemotherapy treatments. There will be a 50/50 drawing and raffles.

There are 42 acres of grassy lawn to enjoy at the former golf club. Cocktails can be delivered right to the cars.

### River of Life sets Mega **Sports Camp in August**

The River of Life Church at 870 Savage Road in Belleville will hold a Vacation Bible School 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Aug. 29-31. The theme is Mega Sports Camp.

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## OPINIONS

<u>Editorial</u>

## School Board selects new Supt. Pete Kudlak

After a four-hour meeting Tuesday to re-interview the three final candidates for superintendent of schools, the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education made a decision

Peter Kudlak was the top choice of five of the seven board members, but the other two liked him, too. A unanimous vote selected Kudlak for the position. The Michigan Association of School Boards consultant to get a superintendent selected, Dr. Green, gave Kudlak a cell phone call at about 10:10 p.m. Tuesday to offer him the job. He accepted.

Dr. Green will work out a salary and contract that will be considered at the next school board meeting June 13. Salary will be between \$130,000 and \$132,000.

Kudlak has rave reviews from everywhere he's ever worked, including Ypsilanti Public Schools, Flat Rock, Plymouth Canton, and currently the Milan Area Schools, where he is assistant superintendent.

The board saw an urgency to get a leader on board immediately to help hire a new Human Resources Director, so the other slots can be filled: Savage Elementary Principal (Amy Gee has resigned), Finance Director, Transportation Director and probably Curriculum Director (that one refused to tell us he wasn't leaving).

The new superintendent likes people and is ready to work on this district's problems. Welcome, Supt. Kudlak.

## **EXTRA THINGS I KNOW**

34<sup>th</sup> District Court Chief Judge Tina Brooks Green said she was just days away from signing a lease for the Merriman Elementary School building for use by the court during renovations and construction at the present court building, when plans

She said after figures came in, it looked like it might be just as much money to build a completely new building as renovate and add to the old building. Everything was on hold last week and she said the court representatives would be meeting with City of Romulus officials to talk about it.

"We're going to reevaluate what we're doing," she said. "It's back to the drawing board."

If they built new, it would be on a different site and operations would continue in the present courthouse during construction. Then the court would move to the new building and the present building would be razed.

No decisions yet.

changed.

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A parent called on Friday, May 27, to tell us there were no buses that day for Early Childhood students at Haggerty School. The parents were advised the day before there would be no pickup.

She explained that the head of the Transportation Department had resigned.

Well, Karen Blevin resigned as of April 29, a month earlier, and went to take over Transportation for the Huron Schools in New Boston. Two bus drivers had gone with her. The Huron Schools pay \$2 an hour more for bus drivers than Van Buren Public Schools, so that's a good deal for the drivers.

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My son, Bill, checked out the T-Rex gun range location on the North I-94 Service Drive in Van Buren Township a few week ends' ago and found it was having a soft opening. He went in to look it over and was given a tour of the building by the owners and he was very impressed. The shooting range was still being installed. Bill said he was told they would be having a grand-opening soon, with a ribbon-cutting and all the trimmings. Watch for the date.

There were some complaints from those who attended Saturday's Sumpter Country Fest Parade, noting it was not as big as usual and had fewer entries. There were several political floats and walkers – it's the season. The parade theme was "American Heroes."

I sat in the shade of a big, leafy tree in the front yard of township hall, right across from the judges' stand. It was shaded and a cool breeze came by every now and then. It was lovely and I enjoyed the parade.

However, the usual entries from the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Polish League of American Veterans were absent. On Memorial Day, at the annual event at the Veterans Memorial in Belleville, I asked the VFW about their absence.

I was told there was a vote taken and

the VFW and PLAV decided not to take part in the Sumpter Country Fest this year because the township board had agreed to fly the Honor and Remember flag for the month of May and it had been hoisted right underneath the American Flag.

The VFW and PLAV have rejected the Honor and Remember flag for a variety of reasons, including that it looks too much like the North Korean and North Vietnamese flags of their enemies in

of their enemies in remembered combat. Also, the VFW and PLAV worked very hard for many years to get the MIA/POW flag officially accepted. And, the flag they fought under continues to be the Stars and Stripes, they say.

The veterans wouldn't have been at the Memorial Day event at the Veterans Memorial in Belleville, either, if the city council had approved the Honor and Remember flag to fly there. The council didn't even put it on its agenda for consideration because of the VFW/PLAV disapproval.

I was told there is a quiet whirlwind going on about that new flag. Some places it's not so quiet.

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### Letters

## Is Warren Evans detached from reality in his county?

To the Editor:

What could possibly be the reason that Wayne County Executive Warren Evans selected Shonta Langford-Green as his new Human Resources Director? Is Mr. Evans so detached from reality and the current events in the county that he would ignore the protests of hundreds of citizens who have voiced opposition to the actions of Ms. Langford-Green and the former Van Buren Public School Superintendent Michael Van Tassel?

One of the basic principles of every conceivable business is the code of ethics as it applies to the decision making process. Ms. Langford-Green and Van Tassel failed to follow that code when they violated their authority and summarily removed five teachers from their classrooms in a most humiliating and unprofessional debacle.

Considering that Van Tassel's opinion was the only determining factor for the validity of the charges against these 5 teachers, Ms. Green failed miserably in her obligation to the teachers, parents and children, as well as her responsibilities to the school board.

It is foremost and essential that every employee of any organization should be aware of only one thing: a clear ability to differentiate between right and wrong and to make the right choices. It appears that Ms. Green is incapable of sustaining the basic code of ethics concept, if she even understands what it is!

Acquiring numerous educational degrees from accredited colleges is no substitute for simple common sense and unquestionable character. Then again, this is Wayne County and politics and cronyism seems to be the prevailing factor whenever minorities are in power. We've experienced it all before with Robert A. Ficano, Coleman A. Young and Kwame Kilpatrick over many decades and with FBI and U.S. Treasury Department documentation of corruption, fraud and theft of public treasury as their legacy. I wonder what would have been the outcry if these five school teachers might have also been minorities? Would their civil rights have been equally less **important** to Warren Evans?

Just a thought, CeJay Marshall Van Buren Township

## Student seeks help with project to help Flint

To the Editor:

My name is Ellie Russell. I am 11 years old. In my fifth grade class at Owen Intermediate School, we are doing a project called *Genius Hour*. We get an hour each week to do something we are passionate about. My idea is to donate water and money to Flint families who are affected

by the water crisis.

The water crisis happened when Flint decided to save money by changing its water source from Detroit water to the Flint River. The water wasn't treated properly, which made lead leach into the people's water supply. Lead is VERY BAD FOR YOU! It causes rashes and hurts children's ability to think and behave properly.

My Plan is to get donated water and money, and give it to families in Flint who need it. For this to work, I need YOU to donate!

How to help:

Write a check to: UWGC Flint Water Fund (United Way of Genesee County), or drop off water through June 10, at Owen Intermediate School, c/o Ellie Russell, 45201 Owen Street, Belleville, MI 48111.

Thank you for making a difference in other people's lives.

Ellie Russell <a href="http://lerussell175.wix.com/fightforflint">http://lerussell175.wix.com/fightforflint</a>

## Thanks to all who helped Fashion Show

To the Editor:

The Belleville Area Women's Club held its annual Spring Fling Fashion Show on April 11 at the BYC. Over 200 guests enjoyed the meal, prepared by Deb's Catering and the fashions by Kika Fashion and Natalie Attired.

Helping the club to raise money for scholarships were our major sponsors: Wayne County Community College --Western Campus, Parkway Services and TCF Bank. Additional sponsors were: BYC, Belleville Tax & Accounting, Superior Casket, Sunburst Memorials, Jack Demmer Ford, DiPietro & Day, US Ecology, Wing Financial Credit Union, United Communities Federal Credit Union, Belleville Central Business Community, Friends Fine Floor Covering, Jackie Davis State Farm, Voice Actor Geof Bush, Lunch Box, Garden Fantasy on Main, Joyce Rochowiak, David C. Brown Funeral Home, Sumpter Collision, Edward Jones. TKM Awards, The Vesche Team Jane & Ron, Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel, Deb's Catering, A & W, Osier & Sons Electric.

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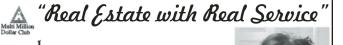
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## **Obituaries**





Glen H. Davidson, Sr.

#### GLEN H. DAVIDSON, SR.

(January 30, 1928 – May 18, 2016)

Glen H. Davidson, Sr., age 88, of Sumpter Township, Michigan, went Home to be with his Lord on Wednesday, May 18, 2016, at his home with his loving family around him.

He was born January 30, 1928, in Peach Creek, West Virginia, the son of Walker M. and Edna F. (Blevins) Davidson. On October 28, 1951, he married Mildred G Krantz in Omar, West Virginia and she survives.

Glen was honorably discharged from the U.S. Army after serving his country during W.W. II. He was employed with Ford Motor Co., retiring in 1993 and also employed with UNISYS. Glen loved his Lord and Savior, and served in numerous capacities as a member of the Church of God for 58 years.

Survivors, besides his wife Millie, include three children Glen (Cynthia) Davidson Jr., Gaylena (Brian) Harvey and Brad (Barbara) Davidson; five grandchildren Glen (Kristen) Davidson, Kayla (Adam) Schultz, Holley Davidson, Chelsea Harvey and Alicia Parker-Davidson; five great-grandchildren Moriya, Alyssa, Judah, Myka and Myles; two brothers Walker (Delores) Davidson and Alden Davidson; several nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by three brothers and one sister.

Funeral service was celebrated on Saturday, May 21, 2016, at 12:00 Noon at Janowiak Funeral Home, Sumpter Chapel, 19865 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, with Pastor Jim Hale of Hawassee Church of God, Madisonville, Tennessee, officiating. Burial followed in Union-Udell Cemetery, Ypsilanti, Michigan.

#### **BRANDON ALLEN WRIGHT**

(March 8, 1990 – May 6, 2016)

Age 26 of Belleville. Survived by wife Jessica, parents Billy and Subrina Wright, children Savannah, Kylie, Caden; sister Britney. Memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements by Janowiak Funeral Home.



Ronald Lee Eversole

#### RONALD L. EVERSOLE

(December 26, 1956 – May 30, 2016) Ronald Lee Eversole, age 59, life-long Belleville-area resident, passed away Monday, May 30, 2016 at his home surrounded by family. He was born December 26, 1956 in Livonia, MI, son of Zenus & Lucille O. (Shepphard)

Ron was a member of the Belleville High School class of 1974. He retired from L & W Engineering as an overhead crane operator after more than 16 years of loyal service. He enjoyed the outdoors, hunting, fishing, and loved shopping for bargains. Most of all, Ron loved his family and time spent with his grandchildren. Mr. Eversole is survived by his loving wife of 38 years, Tena Marie (Barker) Eversole; three children Ronda (Keith) Conklin, Ronald Lee Eversole II, and Anna Eversole; five grandchildren Gracie, Taylor and Isabelle Conklin, Kollen Eversole and Dayton Knox, brother Larry (Amy) Eversole and sister Sheila (Tony) Hayes, all of Belleville, MI, also numerous nieces, nephews, in-laws, extended family and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Thursday, June 2, 2016 and 10-11 a.m. Friday, June 3, 2016 at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111-2764 (734) 697-4500. Funeral service will be Friday at 11:00 a.m. with Woody Barker officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to the wishes of the family and would be appreciated. Please sign his on-line guest book and share a memory for his family to treasure at <a href="https://www.davidcbrownfh.com">www.davidcbrownfh.com</a>.



## Langford-Green

(continued from page 1)

The law suit claims the teachers' constitutional rights were violated when they were removed from their classrooms five months ago. They never were informed of the reason they were put on paid administrative leave, the law suit said.

Green was among those at Savage Elementary school that pulled the teachers from their classrooms on Jan. 21.

Van Tassel had reported to the state Department of Education that there was something wrong with the M-STEP testing at Savage because the scores were too high. The state asked Van Tassel to study the situation and charges of cheating, which the teachers deny, were discussed in local and Detroit media.

After the community strongly supported the teachers, Van Tassel was fired.

James Canning, spokesperson for Wayne County Executive Warren Evans, said Green was offered the job in April and she brought up the cheating controversy during the interview. "It did not raise any concerns for us," Canning said.

## Used book sale set Saturday, June 11

The Friends of the Belleville Area District Library invite you to get great books at great prices for summer reading at a used book sale from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, June 11.

#### Belleville Area Independent/June 2, 2016

## **Obituaries**



Charles Terry Brown

#### CHARLES TERRY BROWN

(January 3, 1955 – May 27, 2016)

Charles Terry Brown, age 61, of Ypsilanti, MI, passed away on Friday, May 27, 2016 after a long illness. He was born January 3, 1955 in Ypsilanti, the son of Clinton and Amelia Brown of Sumpter Township.

In 1996, he married Kimberly Frederick and from that union two children were born: Nicholas "Nick" Brown and Gabriel "Gabe" Brown, both of Ypsilanti. He also is survived by his stepson Stephon Fredericks of Missouri.

Charlie was a faithful employee of Van Buren Public Schools for 37+ years. He was a dedicated worker, father, coach, and sportsman. He was a graduate of Belleville High School and an athlete in the schools and his sons follow in his footsteps.

Charlie is also survived by his brother Thomas (Linda) Brown. He is preceded in death by his sister Jaye Lynn Brown.

Visitation is Friday, June 3, from 2 to 7 p.m. at Chapel of the Chimes, 4670 S. Inkster Rd., Westland. Family hour is 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 4, at Bethlehem Temple Church, 45100 Willow Road, east of Sumpter Road, Belleville (Sumpter), MI 48111, followed by a funeral service at 11 a.m. at the church.

Interment will follow at Chapel of Memorial Gardens, 48300 Willow Road, Belleville (Sumpter), MI 48111.

## **More Letters**

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Angel Food Catering, Profiles Hair Salon, Fantastic Sam's, Keller & Stein Florist, Hair FX Studio, Belleville Fire Department, Van Buren Fire Department, Jacqueline Dalzell, Sharon Zander, Judith Hoffmeyer, Taylor Meadows, Shelly & Jim Chudzinski, Remax Crossroads (Glenn Silvenis), Armstrong Funland, Higgerson & Neal Funeral Home, Larry & Rebecca Gallo, Theresa McCuean, Romulus Athletic Center, Avon -- Carol Maguire, Loranger Family Chiropractic Center, Belleville Hampton Inn, Woodlands of Van Buren Golf Course, Belleville Holiday Inn, Airlines Parking, Happy's Pizza, TKM Awards, Tim Horton's, Deb's Catering, Therese Antonelli -- Moving the Mitten, Benito's Pizza on Main, Shannon Ostby-Team Beach Body, Marriott Springhill Suites, Photography by Shannon, Cracker Barrel, Marco's Pizza, Baskets & More, Timeless Images by Susan, Starbucks, Lodge Lanes, Mammoth Video, Wiese's Lawn Care, Inspirations Hair Salon, Garden Fantasy -- Tyler Road, Jane & Ron Vesche, Belleville Pro Hardware, Mr. Muffler, Ahearn's Signs, Leo's Coney

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Our thanks to all who made this another outstanding event. Looking forward to next year.

Kathie Steigerwald, Chair Spring Fling Fashion Show

#### School district needs to listen to its teachers

To the Editor:

I covered the VBPS Board of Education for The View newspaper for over two years, from October 2011 until April 2014, when the newspaper closed. I covered much change, and it became my favorite assignment: smart, committed people, important mission.

I witnessed firsthand the selection of Mike Van Tassel as superintendent, and reported on it. I witnessed firsthand when Mary Hoff stood up to caution the board that she had heard concerns among teachers, who



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had worked for or with Mr. Van Tassel in

I interviewed Mr. Van Tassel after he became superintendent. The story ran in four parts in The View. As context for the environment in which Van Tassel was selected as superintendent, the story in which Van Tassel was confirmed as superintendent, and the final installment of the interview story is attached below.

I've been married for 40 years to an educator who spent most of her career at Van Buren Schools, primarily at Savage Elementary. We became good friends with many of the teachers at Savage, including several among the "Savage Five."

We hosted more than one end-of-school party in June at our home. As a nonteacher, I can confirm that, when teachers socialize, the conversation quickly turns to education, and the rewards and challenges in their work. They live their jobs each day, whether they're in school or not. They care, deeply.

Looking back on my witnessing board meetings for many months, a loose end in my mind was what appeared to be significant ongoing attrition among the teaching staff and school administration. And everyone in the BHS cafeteria was reminded of it, virtually every meeting, by (continued on page 19)



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A free vacation bible school program titled Barnyard Round-Up will take place June 16-18 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in New Boston. For more info, or to register, call (734) 753-9048. The St. Paul's Free Community Summer Blast will be held on Saturday, June 18, from 1 to 7 p.m. on the church grounds. Activities include a bounce house, crafts, food, and live music featuring Rennie & Esther Kaufmann, Unbroken, and Atomic. The church is located at 19109 Craig Street.

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### **Upcoming Meetings**

- Monday, June 6 Van Buren Township work/study session, 4 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, June 7 Van Buren Township regular board meeting, 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 8 Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, June 9 Keystone Academy School Board, 6 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

## Things to do in the Belleville area...

- Friday, June 3 The first of a series of 5:30 p.m. Friday car shows at The Creek, 50521 West Huron River Drive, will support Kevin Robertson, who has just started chemo treatments. There will be 50/50 and raffles. Grab your classic car and join them for cocktails on the greens. Cruisin' the Creek car shows will be on 42 acres of cool, grassy lawn.
- Sunday, June 5 Big City Country band performs from 2 to 5 p.m. at September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Road. Van Buren Township. Free. Information: Mike Hoben (734) 260-1170 or Lynette Jordan (734) 699-8918.
- Sunday, June 5 Bugles Across America is at 7:15 p.m. at the Veterans' Memorial in Horizon Park in Belleville. Those attending pledge the flag, listen to "Taps" played and honor those who have and are serving in our armed forces.
- Tuesday, June 7 The public is invited to the Martha-Mary Café at the Belleville Presbyterian Church at 10 a.m. to hear guest-speaker Amanda Love tell about modern-day slavery in the United States and how the Better Way Imports program works.

## **Correction:** Primary election is Aug. 2

On page 14 in last week's edition we printed that the primary election is Aug. 9. It isn't. It's Aug. 2. We regret the error.

Also, on page 19, the end of the front-page law suit story tells about another pending law suit against the Van Buren Public Schools. This concerns a transgender student who alleged bullying and sex discrimination. The suit was filed Sept. 5, 2014 and named the school board and principals at Owen Intermediate at the time. The principals now at Owen had nothing to do with the case.

Rosemary K. Otzman, editor

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## Sharry Budd announces re-election bid in Van Buren Township

To the residents of Van Buren Township: With the support of my family and friends, I am pleased to formally announce that I

have made the decision to seek another term of office as Van Buren Township Treasurer. This is a position that I have been proud to serve in. I have deep roots in this community and through my experience I have gained an understanding of the complexities of

township government.



Sharry Budd

I see a bright future for Van Buren Township and would like to continue to be an advocate for the "people" and "businesses" of this community. Like other communities, there are issues that will come before us and I stand ready to face those issues head on.

As Treasurer, I am a vital and active communications link between people and the Township. I consistently stay in touch with citizens and business owners to ensure I meet the needs and desires of our community. Balancing fiscal responsibility with sound judgment is a priority. I am a Certified Municipal Finance Administrator with many years of financial experience and exemplary financial audits.

Generations of my family have lived, worked and raised their family here, the place that I call home. I ask for your continued support in the August Primary Election. I am humbled by the opportunity to serve you.

Sharry Budd Van Buren Township

#### **Western Wayne County Quilting Guild to sew** for Children's Hospital

The Western Wayne County Quilting Guild members will be making baby quilts for Children's Hospital of Michigan on June 11 and they would like some help.

The event will be held at the September Days Senior Center at the Van Buren Township Hall on Tyler Road from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m., Saturday, June 11.

All sewers and even non-sewers are invited to participate. The quilters need help sewing, ironing, and tracing patterns. A pot lock lunch will be served.

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## Paul White announces his candidacy for VBT Trustee in Aug. primary

To our Valued Van Buren Township Residents:

This letter is to announce my candidacy for the office of Van Buren Township Trustee. Living in the area 55 years and being a VBT homeowner since 1966 has been beneficial to me.

Serving as VBT Supervisor from 2008 to 2012 will be valuable experience if elected as a Trustee. This knowledge will serve in making decisions favorable to our

The General Budget will be a priority in establishing efficiency with effectiveness in township hall. During my term as Supervisor, the 2012 Budget was audited at \$12.6 million dollars, the lowest in many years, and the last two years the General Fund was increased \$1.2 million.

The management experience in my prior employment was valuable. Managing the budget on a daily basis and getting the directors on board was huge, considering the Visteon Bond payment we will face in

Budget management begins on Jan. 1 and constant oversight is appropriate. Township employment was reduced by 16+ employees, mostly by attrition. Longevity pay was grandfathered, and stopping a 30-day payout (about \$15,000 each time) to salaried employees leaving township employment was instrumental in saving future dollars in the budget.

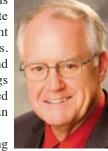
Accomplishments included an agreement with EQ Hazardous Landfill for dumping fees, a first with EQ and VBT. The 6-mill Water and Sewer Millage was not put before the voters, and allowed to expire, saving our residents millions of dollars. An 800 MHZ radio system was installed in our Public Safety Dept.

Businesses coming to VBT included Auto Zone, Belle Tire and a Menards Store which is soon to be built. Having several months' discussion with Menard proved successful.

A very important agreement was signed by Visteon and Van Buren Township on Jan 25, 2010, obligating Visteon to pay the shortfall between tax revenues on the Visteon property and making payments on the Visteon Bond. My position is adamant. Visteon MUST pay the shortfall, after it is determined, per the signed agreement.

Quality appointments to commissions and committees was a priority, not a

political decision. This must happen to create responsible government to benefit our residents. Most committee and commission meetings were taped and televised during my term in office.



My training included earning two

Paul D. White

certificates from Texas A&M Engineering Extension Dept. of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Services Workshop for All Hazard Preparedness. This is valuable training with two airports. two interstate highways and a dam impoundment in our township.

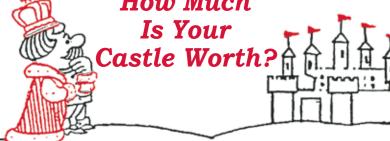
Michigan Township Association (MTA) training included classes in Building a Better Budget, Supervisor's Guide to Township Government, Policy Matters-Administer Policies to Manage the Township, Township Law 101, Supervisor Development, Financial Strategies, Negotiating Contracts, Planning and Zoning, and Parliamentary Procedures. Also included was an extended Supervisor Spring Educational Conference.

Other duties were Executive Committee Down River Sewer System, Vice Chair Downriver Utility Wastewater Authority, Grant Compliance Committee for SEMCOG, Member of Conference of Western Wayne (CWW), Aerotropolis (Vantage Port), Michigan Association of Township Supervisors, and Michigan Township Association.

My commitment to Van Buren Township residents will be: intense Fiscal Responsibility, Honesty, Integrity, Unity, Leadership and a maximum effort supporting our residents.

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To run for a seat on the Belleville Area District Library Board, deadline is 4 p.m., July 21, and filing location is at Wayne County. This also is the deadline for precinct delegates.

Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education candidates have a deadline of 4 p.m., July 26, and will file at the Van Buren Township clerk's office.

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Independent photo by Bob Mytych

Belleville Martial Arts joined in the Sumpter Country Fest Parade on Saturday, along with parade entries from a variety of political campaigns, scouts, and community groups.

#### Sumpter Country Fest 'Heroes of America' Parade Winners

1st place: Wayne County Outstanding

2<sup>nd</sup> place: River of Life Church

3<sup>rd</sup> place: Southwestern Wayne Democratic

#### **Community Organizations:**

1<sup>st</sup> place: Belleville Martial Arts

2<sup>nd</sup> place: Friends of Michigan Animal

Rescue

3<sup>rd</sup> place: Carleton Farms/Republic

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#### Children's Groups:

1st place: St. Anthony's Boy Scout Troop

2<sup>nd</sup> place: Cub Scout Pack 793

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## Sumpter Township board OKs vote on 3 millage renewals

By Rosemary K. Otzman Independent Editor

Renewals of three existing property taxes for police and fire protection will be on the Aug. 2 ballot in Sumpter Township.

At its regular meeting May 24, the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees approved slightly revised ballot proposals removing the word "language" in the headings and changing a period to a question mark on the proposals.

The board had already approved seeking renewals of the millages at its March 22 meeting, but then the typographical errors were found and had to be addressed.

On the Aug. 2 ballot will be:

• FIRE PROTECTION MILLAGE RENEWAL – Shall the expired previous voted increase in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan

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Constitution in Sumpter Township of 1 mill (\$1.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value), be renewed and levied for 4 years, 2016 through 2019 inclusive for fire department protection, operations, and maintenance of the Sumpter Township fire department raising an estimated \$322,439.00 in the first year the millage is levied? [ ] Yes [ ] No • POLICE PROTECTION MILLAGE

• POLICE PROTECTION MILLAGE RENEWAL – Shall the expired previous voted increase in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution in Sumpter Township of 2 mills (\$2.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value), be renewed and levied for 6 years, 2016 through 2021 inclusive for police protection, operations, and maintenance of the Sumpter Township police department, raising an estimated \$644,878.00 in the first year the millage is levied? [ ] Yes [ ] No

• POLICE PROTECTION MILLAGE RENEWAL – Shall the expired previous voted increase in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution in Sumpter Township of 1 mill (\$1.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value), be renewed and levied for 6 years, 2016 through 2021 inclusive for police protection, operations, and maintenance of the Sumpter Township police department, raising an estimated \$322,439.00 in the first year the millage is levied? [ ] Yes

[ ] No

The 2-mill and 1-mill police millages are both renewals. The 1 mill was passed by voters after the 2 mills passed because more money was needed. At a previous meeting, township attorney Rob Young explained that if the two millages -- the 2 and the 1 -- are put together as a 3-mill proposal it could not be called a renewal. It would be a new tax and would be confusing to voters. That's why the millages are being proposed separately

In other business at the May 24 meeting, the board:

• Presented a plaque and lots of praise to Police Department Administrative Assistant Jewel Leonard on the occasion of her retirement, with her last day being May 27. She has served Sumpter Township in several different capacities over her 30 years of service. "There aren't nearly enough Jewel Leonards in the world," said Police Chief Eric Luke on his department's Facebook page. "With her bright smile and outgoing personality, Jewel has been the best ambassador the police department could ever ask for. She will be deeply missed, and we, her police department family, wish her all the best";

- Approved the Mayday operations policy for the fire department; and
- Approved the hiring of Christopher William Herrick as a full-time police officer contingent upon successful completion of required physical and psychological examinations and drug screening. Officer Herrick, who lives in Belleville, was on the recently approved list for police department hire compiled by the Belleville Civil Service Commission. Herrick resigned from the Van Buren Township Police Department about a year ago.

## YouTube video shows Jeep Wranger mounting VBT police cruiser

A brief video showing a Jeep Wrangler's left front tire mounting the front left tire of a Van Buren Township Police Supervisor's car was posted on YouTube May 20 and sent to the *Independent* by a "Concerned Citizen."

On the video there are calls from the surrounding bystanders calling the police officer, who could be seen smiling in the rearview mirror, the "coolest cop ever" for allowing the stunt.

Credit for the event was given to the Wicked Jeeps SEMI at its Thursday Night Jeep Meet. One viewer of the video asked if when the Ford Explorer needs a frontend alignment is the cop going to pay for it or will the taxpayers have to foot the bill?

To view the video, go to: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CtSMZ65AqBA



## **More Letters**

## About our fall leaf pick up in City of Belleville ...

To the Editor:

Regarding the city council's intent to abandon fall leaf pick up at the next meeting: I take exception to the notion that "people are spoiled rotten on leaf pick up." They estimate the cost to be approximately \$16,000 (I hear it is more like \$10,000),

but with 2,000 households in the city, that figures to be about \$5 to \$8 per house. I don't think we are spoiled for that; I think it is a pretty smart and efficient way of doing things. A five-sack of bags costs \$4 and most people would use at least two, so there is your \$8.

Maybe people who don't live in the city should not make these kind of decisions. My neighbors agree – how about you?

Randy Priest Belleville



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#### Court Watching:

#### Joshua Morris sent for competency hearing in fatal car crash

By Rosemary K. Otzman Independent Editor

Joshua Lee Morris, 24, is charged with driving in a reckless manner causing death in the July 6, 2014 auto crash that killed his passenger, Marcus McIntosh, 21, in Van Buren Township. Morris' probable cause hearing was adjourned 90 days until after a competency test and hearing, as requested by his attorney Murray Duncan.

34<sup>th</sup> District Court Chief Judge Tina Brooks Green said she was concerned because there was a writ to bring Morris to court, but there is no reason for him to be there.

Attorney Duncan said he was not bringing his client into the courtroom.

Judge Green pointed out he was brought to the lockup at court, but he was not in the courtroom. She said someobody wanted him here. She was told his mother wanted him at court.

Judge Green said she tried unsuccessfully to cancel the writ that would require him to be brought to court.

Prosecutor John Casey said the prosecutor's office wanted him in court until it looked at the report and then they no longer wanted him in court. They apparently failed to cancel the writ.

"Don't do this again," Judge Green said to Prosecutor Casey, noting it was the day before the court session that she tried to cancel the writ.

The fatal accident occurred at 2:10 a.m. when a Chevrolet Malibu driven by Morris was traveling northbound on Morton Taylor Road, just north of Van Born, when Morris lost control of the vehicle and it truck a tree.

Morris was transported by Survival Flight to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital where he was listed in serious, but stable condition. McIntosh, who was in the front passenger seat, was pronounced dead at the scene.

If Morris is found guilty of the charge he could be imprisoned for up to 15 years or pay a fine of \$2,500 to \$10,000. VBT Detective Mark Buxton is the officer in charge.

Morris was released April 24, 2014 after serving three years in prison on a plea bargain to criminal sexual conduct, third degree. He is considered a habitual offender.

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## VBT board give first OK to ordinance on medical marijuana cultivation

By Rosemary K. Otzman Independent Editor

A new ordinance to provide regulations for those growing medical marijuana had its first reading approved at the May 17 regular meeting of the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees.

The second reading is expected at the June 7 meeting.

Ron Akers, director of planning and economic development, said the zoning ordinance was amended by the board recently and this is a companion piece to provide for registration of medical marijuana cultivation facilities.

Township Supervisor Linda Combs said this is a good idea "to get our ducks in a row before anyone comes in to apply."

Akers said the new ordinance includes registering with the Public Safety Department and annual registration fees established by the board. The ordinance also would allow the Public Safety Department to maintain a record of the licensees who operate in the cultivation facility.

Akers was asked to make a recommendation on the fee at the next work/study meeting on

June 6, so the fee schedule can be approved with the final reading of the ordinance on June 7.

In other business at the 40-minute meeting, the board:

• Unanimously approved agreements for property-owner maintenance of storm-water facilities at two 2014 building projects -- L&W Engineering and Bethany Bible Church -- as required by Wayne County so the property owners can get their bond money back from the county. The supervisor also agreed to a subcommittee of three board members (Jahr, McClanahan, and Hart) to work for a solution to the county's mandated Stormwater Maintenance Agreement that two different attorneys' opinions have declared to be without foundation in the law. Trustee Jeff Jahr, who always votes against the Stormwater Maintenance Agreements, voted yes this time because he learned the township originally approved these agreements when getting a permit for the wastewater treatment facilities. This vote is to allow the property owners to get their bond money back. He referred to Wayne County as the "500-pound gorilla"

in the situation;

- Approved a contract with Wiese's Lawn Care for the 2016 Ordinance and Code Enforcement mowing of nontownship properties. Wiese's was the only bid received in a recent call for bids but Wiese has an excellent work record in the township and it has a history of being the lowest bidder on several occasions;
- Approved selection of Zambelli Fireworks at a cost of \$10,000 for the contract, paid through funds from Waste Management, plus \$10,000 from donations in the community sought by Supervisor Combs to pay for the overtime of wages that occur with police and fire personnel. The fireworks show is set at the Beck Ball Fields on June 25 and is preceded

**Sumpter Township** 

**Regular Board Meeting Minutes** 

May 10, 2016

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m., showing present:

Supervisor J. Morgan, Clerk C. Hoffman, Treasurer

Bates, Trustees: Swinson, Oddy, LaPorte, P. Morgan.

Also showing present Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk

3. Agenda: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by

Oddy to approve Agenda with the removal of Item C.

A. Presentation by Patrick McGow on Resolution

5. Minutes: Motion by C. Hoffman, supported by P.

Morgan to approve Regular Board Meeting Minutes

6. Warrants: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by

LaPorte to approve warrants totaling \$127,806.07.

Roll call vote: Yes: J. Morgan, C. Hoffman, Bates,

Swinson, LaPorte, Oddy, P. Morgan. Nay: None.

7. Water & Sewer Report-Bates: Motion by C.

Hoffman, supported by Oddy to approve the Water &

8. Police Report-Luke: Motion by Swinson,

supported by P. Morgan to approve Police Report.

9. Building/Ordinance Report - LaPorte: Motion

by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to approve

the Building/Ordinance report. Motion carried

10. Fire Report- LaPorte: Motion by Swinson,

supported by P. Morgan to approve the Fire Report.

11. Treasurer's Report-Bates: Motion by C.

Hoffman, supported by LaPorte to approve Treasurer's

Sewer Report. Motion carried unanimously.

J. Hoffman and approximately 23 residents.

4. Public Comments on Agenda Items only:

authorizing Issuance of 2016 Refunding Bonds.

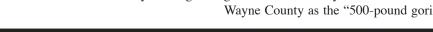
of April 26, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

unanimously.

by a concert by Rich and Eddy's Rocking Oldies at 7 p.m. from a portable stage on the ball fields;

- Approved a change order for the Walden Woods Paving Repairs Project in the amount of \$123,796.50 to take advantage of Wayne County funding and also approved the proposal from Wade Trim for \$11,000 for construction engineering relating to the project. Matching funds from Walden Woods Home Owners Association in the amount of \$25,000 was delivered before the change order document was finalized. Most of the project is reconstruction of the subdivision entrance on Tyler Road;
  - Witnessed Supervisor Combs proclaim

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**Belleville Area District Library Public Notice** 

## Belleville Area District Library Notice of Public Hearing

The Belleville Area District Library will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, June 14, 2016, at 7:30 pm in the program room of the library, 167 Fourth Street, Belleville, MI 48111, to consider the proposed 2016-2017 Library Budget.

The proposed library budget for the 2016-2017 fiscal year is \$977,508. The property tax millage rate (.7 mills) proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

A copy of the proposed budget is available at the Library during open hours (Monday – Thursday, 10 am – 9 pm, and Friday & Saturday, 10 am – 5 pm).

Publish: June 2, 2016

## **Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice**

## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday**, **June 22**, **2016 at 7:30 p.m.**, in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, Wayne County, Michigan to consider a request to rezone the following described parcels.

Case 16-020: Parcel tax ID number V-125-83-045-99-0004-702, is the subject parcel of this hearing. The subject parcel measures approximately 1.04 acres, and is located on the south side of Ecorse Road, west of Hannan Road. The Public Hearing is in regards to amending the Charter Township of Van Buren zoning map by rezoning the subject property from AG (Agricultural) District to C (Local Business) District.

Written comments will be accepted by the Planning and Economic Development Department at 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111 or by e-mail at rakers@vanburen-mi.org until 4:00 p.m. on the hearing date.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodations will be made available with advance notice.

Posted: May 31, 2016 Published: June 2, 2016 Report. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Supervisor's Report-J. Morgan:

A. Link on Sumpter Township's website with the

Master Plan update for Metro Airport

B. May 14, 2016 Local Mail Carrier Food Drive

C. May 14, 2016 at 12:00 pm Relay for Life in

downtown Belleville

D. Every Wednesday from 5-8 pm Armstrong

E. Sumpter Country Fest is Memorial Day Weekend May 27 through May 30, 2016 Motion by P. Morgan supported by Swinson to

Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to approve Supervisor's Report. Motion carried unanimously.

#### 13. Attorney's Report-Young:

Funland will host a Car Show

- **A.** Working through recommendations for Vicious Dog Ordinance
- **B.** Misdemeanor Files

Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to approve Attorney's Report. Motion carried unanimously.

- 14. Board Response:
- A. Keep the LaPlame family and the Barnett family in thoughts and prayers

in thoughts and prayers **B.** Barbara Miller presentation on League of Women

Voters purpose

Sumpter Township Public Notice

- 1. Voter Registration, Voter Information, women and men encouraged to join
- 15. New Business:
- A. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to approve for the League of Women Voters to conduct a Candidates' Forum on June 22, 2016 at the Community Center at no charge. Motion carried unanimously.

  B. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to
- approve the Resolution authorizing Issuance of 2016 Refunding Bonds. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Removed

**D.** Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to approve to hire Susan Dufresne to full-time clerical position, placement to be determined at a later date. Motion carried unanimously.

#### 16. Announcements:

A. May 28, 2016 Due to the Sumpter Country Fest Parade, Sumpter Road will be closed between Judd and Dunn Roads at 11:45 am until parade is finished. Parade starts at 12:00 pm.

#### 17. Open Floor:

A. Dolly English

- 1. Possible Guard Rail in front of house for safety purposes
- B. Mary Ban
- 1. Orange markers now on Bemis Road
- 2. Road Commission gravel needed on dirt roads
- 3. Thanks to Fire Department on mutual aid needed for New Boston
- 4. Medical Marijuana and driving
- Honor and Remembrance FlagC. Don Pittman

C. Don Pittman

1. Clarification on Party Store incident

#### 18. Closed Session: Union Contract

- A. Motion by LaPorte, supported by P. Morgan to go into Closed Session at 7:45 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.
  B. Motion by C. Hoffman, supported by P. Morgan
- to go back into Open Session at 8:28 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.
- **19. Adjournment:** Motion by Bates, supported by P. Morgan to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk

#### Certification

I, Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk of Sumpter Township, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of minutes taken at a Regular Board Meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees on May 10, 2016 at 6:30 pm at the Sumpter Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111, County of Wayne, and that the said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be available as required by said act.

Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk Published: June 2, 2016

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#### VBT Board

system, approximately as follows:

Local Unit

Woodhaven City

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May as a Month of Remembrance for U.S. Armed Forces with the American Flag being flown in their honor throughout the month. LeRoy Paige accepted the proclamation and said he would be with the state Senate the next day. He said he appreciated the

support of Van Buren Township; and

• Heard Clerk Leon Wright announce that new identification cards are being sent out to voters this month and if a voter doesn't get the new card by June 1 to let his office know. Also they are still looking for poll workers for the August Primary and November General Elections. Clerk Wright said at the recent Belleville High

School student council and class elections that his office put on for the school, they registered 27 18-year-old voters. He also talked of a state law that he thinks needs to be repealed requiring voters complete their ballots within two minutes. He said with no straight-party voting and ballots that will probably be two pages long, time may be a problem. He urged those qualified to vote absentee to do so this year since lines may be long.

Buren Public Schools Superintendent Peter Kudlak was elected by the School Board Tuesday night. He will be on the job July 1.

National Heritage Academies **Keystone Academy** 

#### Percentage of Share

Brownstown Twp. 24.62% Flat Rock City 15.96% 10.02% Gibraltar City 15.97% South Rockwood Village 2.29% Van Buren Twp. 16.96%

#### **CONTRACT OBLIGATIONS OF THE LOCAL UNITS**

**Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice** 

EXHIBIT A

NOTICE OF INTENT TO EXECUTE TAX-SUPPORTED CONTRACT AND RIGHT TO

PETITION FOR REFERENDUM THEREON

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Cities of Flat Rock, Gibraltar and Woodhaven in the County

of Wayne, the Charter Townships of Brownstown, Huron and Van Buren in the County of Wayne,

and the Village of South Rockwood in the County of Monroe (collectively, the "Local Units" and

each a "Local Unit") have each approved the execution of a contract (the "Contract") with the

South Huron Valley Utility Authority (the "Authority") pursuant to Act No. 233, Public Acts of

Michigan, 1955, as amended, which Contract will provide among other things that the Authority

will acquire, construct, furnish and equip improvements to the Authority's sewage disposal system,

consisting generally of reequipping existing biological treatment tanks with new diffused aeration

equipment, including mixers, diffusers, blowers, valves, gates, control system improvements, and

safety improvements, together with all necessary appurtenances and attachments thereto and will

issue its bonds in the approximate amount of not to exceed \$3,700,000 to finance all or part of the

cost of said improvements. Each Local Unit, including the Charter Township of Van Buren, will

pay to the Authority annually all sums necessary to retire its share of the principal of and interest

of said bonds pursuant to a proposed Financing Contract among the Authority and the Local Units.

Each Local Unit's share of such payments shall be based generally on the weighted average of

the last three calendar years' flow percentages for each Local Unit served by the sewage disposal

TO THE TAXPAYERS AND ELECTORS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN

It is presently contemplated that said bonds will be issued by the Authority in the principal amount of not to exceed \$3,700,000 and will be payable in not to exceed twenty (20) years, and will bear interest at a rate not exceeding 6% per annum on the outstanding principal balance, subject to revision pursuant to Michigan law and the Contract. The Contract includes the pledge by each Local Unit of its limited tax full faith and credit as security for its obligations under the Contract including payment of its share of debt service on the bonds. PURSUANT TO SUCH PLEDGE, EACH LOCAL UNIT, INCLUDING THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN, WILL BE REQUIRED TO LEVY AD VALOREM TAXES ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN ITS BOUNDARIES, SUBJECT TO APPLICABLE CONSTITUTIONAL, STATUTORY AND CHARTER TAX RATE LIMITATIONS, TO THE EXTENT NECESSARY TO MAKE THE LOCAL UNIT'S REQUIRED PAYMENTS UNDER THE CONTRACT IF OTHER FUNDS ARE NOT AVAILABLE. It is the present intention of each Local Unit to use the revenues derived from the operation if its sanitary sewer collection system to make substantially all of the payments required to pay its obligations under the Contract.

#### **RIGHT OF REFERENDUM**

FOR EACH LOCAL UNIT, THE CONTRACT WILL BECOME EFFECTIVE without a vote of the electors of the Local Unit, as permitted by law, UNLESS A VALID PETITION REQUESTING AN ELECTION on the question of entering into the Contract, SIGNED BY NOT LESS THAN 10% OF THE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF SUCH LOCAL UNIT, is filed with the Clerk of the Local Unit WITHIN FORTY-FIVE (45) DAYS after publication of this notice. If such petition is so filed, the Contract will not become effective with respect to such Local Unit without an approving vote by the majority of electors of the Local Unit voting on the question.

THIS NOTICE is given pursuant to the requirements of Section 8 of Act No. 233, Public Acts of Michigan, 1955, as amended. Further information concerning the details of said contract and the matters set out in this notice may be secured from the Charter Township of Van Buren Clerk's office.

Leon Wright Leon Wright, Clerk Charter Township of Van Buren

**Public Notice** 

#### Public Budget Hearing

will be held for the following Public School Academy:

Keystone 47925 Bemis, Belleville (734) 697-9470 June 9, 6 p.m.

Copies of the Budget for the listed Public School Academy will be available at the school office.

Publish: June 2, 2016

### **Belleville High School** inducts 69 students into **National Honor Society**

During April 29 ceremonies at Belleville High School, the following 69 students were inducted into the National Honor

Jerome Acuna, Alexis Anderson, Hannah Baynesan, Paige Beckley, Kayla Browning, Hannah Butzin, Katie Byrd, Nathaniel Campbell, Gabriel Candelaria, Alyssa Cebina, Alyssa Clark, Nicholas Cooley-Sarna, Noah Copeland, Jonathan Damon, Nadia Davis, Lucy DeSmet, Vincent Doan, Alec Emerson, Jalen Felix, Morgan Fowler, Kaitlyn Fujii, Kennedy Gardner, Morgan Garrow, Ashlynd Griffith, Nina hardy, Kristen Houck, Joshua Jackson-Henley, Alyssa Jeng, Destinyt Johnson, Jamie Jozwiak, Devin Kosikowski, Benjamin Kuszak, Moriah Lewis, Alexandria Long, Connor Mann, Ryan Mann, Shamya Mason, Alexis Mattingly, Kyler McNulty, Davis Mears, Jamie Moses, Erika Nofz, Kiara Norris, Ashley Ordiway, Nathaniel Pestano, Devin Phan, Dillan Phan, Daitlyn Plummer Gregory Porcaro, Michael Porcaro, Evan Roll, Isabelle Schakel, Katelyn Sherwood, Shawn Simpson, Briana Sims-Neal, Mari Skinner, Tre'ondis Snodgrass, Paige Spitznagel, Jessica Sterly, Sierra Stockwell, Janay Stuckey, Hannah Sykes, Timothy Taylor, Brianna Terrell, Andrew Vega, Madyson Weaver, Taylor Williams, Caitlin Wonnacott, Meriya Zalma.

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## City of Belleville Public Notice



#### BELLEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The Belleville Police Department is accepting sealed bids for the following vehicles:

2000 Ford Crown Victoria 2001 Ford Crown Victoria

The vehicles are being stored at the City of Belleville's parking lot on 6 Main Street. Bids must be in a sealed envelope clearly marked with which vehicle you are bidding on and "Bid for Vehicle." Bids are due in the City Clerk's Office by Friday, June 3, 2016, no later than 4:00 p.m. They will be opened and read publicly at the June 6, 2016 City Council Meeting at Belleville City Hall, 6 Main Street, Belleville, Michigan 48111 in the Council Chambers at

Vehicles may be viewed in the parking lot of the City of Belleville.

The City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and to waive irregularities in the best interest of the City of Belleville.

**DATE:** May 10, 2016

**PUBLISH: May 19, 2016** May 26, 2016

June 2, 2016

Publish: April 28, 2016; May 5, 2016; May 12, 2016; May 19, 2016; May 26, 2016; June 2, 2016; June 9, 2016

## Van Buren Township **Police Dispatch Log**

Out of the 582 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police this week, the following are selected for this column.

#### Sunday, May 22:

- 0003 disorderly conduct, N. I-94 Service Dr.
- 0030 noise complaint, Capitol Dr.
- 0250 assault & battery, Oak Ln.
- 0404 agency assist, rest area
- 1108 hospice, S. I-94 Service Dr.
- 1238 private property accident, Belleville Wendy's
- 1305 larceny, Belleville Rd.
- 1306 harassment call, Outer Dr. 1559 – sexual assault, Harmony Ln
- 1638 assault & battery, Arlene
- 1713 noise complaint, Fillmore/Buchanan
- 1718 property damage accident, Haggerty Rd.
- 1748 indecent exposure, Independence Ln. /
- Haggerty Rd.
- 1826 larceny, Village Center Dr.
- 1830 private property accident, Hull Rd.
- 1854 malicious destruction of property, Belleville
- 1925 juvenile complaint, Kirkridge Park Dr., cancel 2112 - personal injury accident, Michigan Ave. /
- Denton Rd.
- 2225 vehicle repossession, Lake Villa Dr., cancel

#### Monday, May 23:

- 0314 noise complaint, Denton Rd.
- 0648 property damage accident, Patty Ln.
- 0826 property damage accident, EB/bypass
- 0927 suicide or attempt, Belleville Rd.
- 1025 private property accident, Belleville Rd.
- 1138 neighbor trouble, Rolan Meadows Dr.
- 1149 PPO violation, Heatherfield Blvd.
- 1307 disturbance, Bellevillle Rd.
- 1310 abandoned auto, Village Green Ln.
- 1317 larceny, Ricardo Dr.
- 1427 vehicle repossession, Parkwood Dr., cancel
- 1532 missing person, Belleville Rd.
- 1626 ATV/ORV complaint, Ormond Dr.
- $1725-property\ damage\ accident,\ Rawson ville\ Rd.$ Martz Rd.
- 1918 assault & battery, Kirkridge Park Dr.
- 2030 intimidation threat, N. Ponderosa Trl.
- 2039 motorist assist, W I-94/rest area 2055 - suspicious situation, McBride Middle
- School
- 2123 vehicle repossession, N. I-94 Service Dr., cancel

#### Tuesday, May 24:

- 0807 property damage accident, Bemis Rd.
- 1012 assault & battery, McBride Ave.
- 1147 malicious destruction of property, N. I-94 Service Dr.
- 1156 ordinance violation, Stoneybrook Ct.
- 1430 disturbance, Village Green Ln.
- 1930 hold up alarm, Belleville Rd., cancel
- 1827 assault & battery, Parkwood Dr.
- 1944 fraud, Oak Ln.
- 2013 property damage accident, Ecorse/Hannan

- 2203 suicide or attempt, Parkwood Dr. 2219 - noise complaint, Oak Ln.
- 2242 noise complaint, Stamford Rd.
- 2246 noise complaint, S. Ponderosa Trl.

#### Wednesday, May 25:

- 0222 larceny, Westlake
- 0835 private property incident, Belleville Rd.
- 1017 assault & battery, Parkside Dr.
- 1200 disorderly conduct, Patty Ln.
- 1309 disorderly conduct, Edison Lake
- 1334 operating while intoxicated, WB I-94 /
- Belleville Rd.
- 1340 trespassing, N I-94 Service Dr. 1545 - property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. /
- Ecorse Rd. 2008 - dumping complaint, Morton Taylor
- 2122 vehicle repossession, Parkwood Dr. 2123 - trespassing, Milton Dr.
- 2222 shots fired, Lohr
- 2241 assault & battery, Belleville Rd.
- 2304 agency assist, WB I-94/Rawsonville
- 2321 property damage accident, Denton Rd. / Ecorse Rd.

#### Thursday, May 26:

0109 - vehicle repossession, W. Archwood

- 0216 suspicious person, DNR boat launch
- 0336 hold up alarm, Haggerty Rd.
- 0610 larceny from auto, Sonrisa St.
- 0808 property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Greenbriar Dr. 0820 - property damage accident, Michigan Ave. /
- 0911 malicious destruction of property, Village
- Green Ln.
- 0942 hold up alarm, Haggerty Rd.
- 1110 fraud, N. Cumberland Dr.
- 1155 larceny, N. Cumberland Dr./Stamford Rd.
- 1235 operating while intoxicated, Sumpter/Hull,
- 1324 property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Independence
- 1555 operating while intoxicated, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.
- 1621 assault & battery, Parkwood Dr.
- 1629 trespassing, Belleville
- 1813 larceny from auto, Ecorse Rd.
- 1948 fight, Hull Rd.
- 1953 harassment call, Denton Rd.
- 2016 narcotics crime, Denton Rd. 2046 - property damage accident, WB I-94 /
- Belleville Rd.
- 2225 intimidation threat, W. Huron River Dr.
- 2240 operating while intoxicated, Stack's
- 2354 property damage accident, EB I-94 /

#### Friday, May 27:

- 0143 noise complaint, Meadows Ln.
- 0553 property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
- 0728 property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Ecorse Rd.
- 0807 malicious destruction of property, Dalton
- 0913 larceny from auto, N. Bellridge Dr.
- 0934 weapons violation, Tyler Rd 0934 - fraud, Belleville Rd.
- 1224 unauthorized driving away of auto, Woodbury
- 1442 - malicious destruction of property, N.
- 1519 assault & battery, S. I-u94 Service Dr.
- 1523 property damage accident, Ecorse/Visteon 1622 - unauthorized driving away of auto, Village
- Center Dr. 1626 - disorderly conduct, Sunset Pond Cir. /
- Winding Pond Dr. 1843 - retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
- 1930 property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
- 1942 fireworks, Van Buren St.
- 2312 fraud, Rawsonville Rd.

#### Saturday, May 28:

- 0050 retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
- 0348 operating while intoxicated, Rawsonville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
- 0847 larceny from auto, S. Bellridge Dr.
- 0955 property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.
  - 1516 abandoned auto, EB I-94/Belleville
- 1828 juvenile complaint, N. Timberview Dr. 1919 - noise complaint, Stonebridge Dr.
- 1919 noise complaint, W. Huron River Dr.
- 1915 operating while intoxicated, Bemis
- 1947 abandoned auto, Rawsonville 2125 - assault & battery, Sheldon Rd.
- 2154 assault & battery, Jackson St.
- 2229 intimidation threat, Hannan
- 2317 disturbance, Christina Ln./Packard Ct.
- 2316 assault & battery, Oregon 2323 - larceny, S. I-94 Service Dr.

**Belleville Police** 

Dispatch Log

#### Also on this week's log are 233 traffic stops, 57 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

#### Sunday, May 22:

- 0422 malicious destruction of property, Church 0828 – assist fire dept., Santa Clara St.
- 0925 assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
- 1136 larceny from auto, Light Tower Dr.
- 1221 PPO violation, Loza Ln.
- 1448 neighbor trouble, Harbour Pointe Dr. 1806 - domestic assault, Victorian Ct.
- 1854 traffic complaint, Hayward's

- 1939 assist fire dept., San Carlos St.
- 2015 assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.
- 2204 larceny from auto, Light Tower Ct.

#### Monday, May 23:

- 1021 private property accident, W. Columbia
- 1246 suspicious situation, Church St.

- 1411 prisoner transfer, 34th District Court
- 1600 assist fire dept., Anaheim, cancel
- 1609 prisoner transfer, S. Wayne Rd.
- 1924 found property, Clarence St.
- 2013 intimidation threat, Main St.
- Tuesday, May 24:
  - 1111 traffic complaint, S. Liberty St./E. Huron
- 1131 E-911 hang up/investigation, Sumpter Rd.
- 1254 noise complaint, Henry St.
- 1517 assist fire dept., Church St. 1649 - traffic complaint, Liberty/Fourth
- 1752 civil matter, S. Liberty St.
- 1954 disorderly conduct, Belle Villa Blvd.
- 2023 property damage accident, N. Liberty 2051 - E-911 cellular, N. Liberty
- 2306 welfare check, Menlo Park Dr.
- 2324 welfare check, Menlo park Dr.

#### Wednesday, May 25:

- 0047 civil matter, N. Liberty St.
- 1452 vehicle lockout, W. Columbia Ave. 1546 - assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
- 1829 welfare check, Church St. 1903 - narcotics crime, Egan's
- 1919 assist fire dept., Main St./Denton Rd. 1956 - family trouble, N. Liberty St.
- 2018 missing person, Estrada Dr.

#### 2144 - larceny from auto, Anaheim St. Thursday, May 26:

- 0253 suspicious vehicle, Carmell / Belle Villa 0413 - larceny from auto, Main St.
- 0747 larceny from auto, Breakwater Ct. 0843 - property damage accident, Sumpter/Owen 0908 - larceny from auto, Church St., cancel
- 0925 larceny, W. Columbia Ave. 1027 - warrant arrest, Main St.
- 1134 private property accident, South St. 1234 - animal complaint, Main St.
- 1334 breaking & entering, Church St. 1506 - suspicious person, Church St.
- 1704 trespassing, Church St. 1737 - suspicious person, Wexford Ave.
- 1857 trespassing, Church St.
- 1919 civil matter, Church St. 2015 - civil matter, Biggs Ave.

#### 2119 - narcotics crime, Biggs Ave. Friday, May 27:

- 0415 family trouble, Greylock St. 0835 – ordinance violation, Belleville Rd. / Denton
- Rd.
  - 1052 miscellaneous complaint, Carmell St. 1443 - larceny from auto, Church St.
- 1458 harassment call, Second St.
- 1746 trespassing, Potter
- 2114 ordinance violation, Belleville Rd. / Denton
- 2325 ordinance violation, Horizon Park
- Saturday, May 28: 0032 - suspicious situation, Owen Middle School 0054 - assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
- 0456 welfare check, W. Columbia Ave. 0844 - intrusion alarm, E. Columbia Ave.
- 1339 follow up, Breakwater Ct.
- 1714 vehicle lock out, Carmell St.
- 2011 assist fire dept., Victorian Ln. 2057 – assist fire dept., Carmell St.
- 2254 welfare check, W. Huron River Dr., cancel

#### Also on this week's log are 39 traffic stops.

## **Police Dispatch Log**

**Sumpter Township** 

#### Sunday, May 22: 0045 - fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.

- 0117 911 hang up, Wyoming
- 1154 -- ORV complaint, Clark/Judd
- 1248 fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Bemis Rd.
- 1327 breaking & entering report, 24000 bl.
- 1756 fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln. 1916 - warrant arrest pick up, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd. 2058 - property damage accident, Sumpter/Bemis 2127 - fire dept. assist, 18000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Belleville Area Independent/June 2, 2016 2220 - noise complaint, 22000 bl. Haggerty Rd.

- 1201 juvenile complaint, 19000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
- 1555 alarm, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd. 1655 - ORV complaint, 22000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
- 1918 reckless driver complaint, 45000 bl. Bemis 2121 - civil dispute, 2<sup>nd</sup> St.
- 2252 personal injury accident, Rawsonville

bl. Rawsonville Rd.

2319 - family trouble, Oregon

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## 0840 - fire dept. assist, 41000 bl. Willis Rd.

- Monday, May 23:
- 0250 suspicious incident, Redwood
- 1056 down wires, 23000 bl. Elwell Rd.
- 1104 larceny, 50000 bl. Willis Rd. 1243 - fraud complaint, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
- 1425 alarm, 9600 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
- 1447 fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Sully Dr.
- 1810 suspicious incident, 44000 bl. Paris Dr.
- 2126 suspicious person, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
- 2236 animal complaint, 42000 bl. Judd Rd.
- 2345 fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
- Tuesday, May 24:
- 0900 citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
  - 0919 well-being check, 28000 bl. Karr Rd. 1435 – civil dispute, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
- 1608 fraud complaint, 49000 bl. Wear Rd.
- 1838 fire dept. assist, Timberlane 1854 - animal complaint, 25000 bl. Martinsville
- 1900 civil dispute, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
- 2037 assault, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
- 2102 civil dispute, Pecan
- 2117 reckless driver complaint, Sumpter/Bemis
- 2134 operating while intoxicated, 48000 bl. Willis Wednesday, May 25:
  - 0339 fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Sully Dr. 0705 - fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd. 0831 - warrant arrest pick up, 23000 bl. Sumpter
  - 0857 traffic hazard, Willis/Sumpter 1036 - citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd. 1121 - harassment complaint, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd. 1309 - property damage accident, Dunn/Sumpter
  - 1338 911 hang up, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd. 1442 - property damage accident, 44000 bl. Dunn 1449 - citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
  - 1715 fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Judd Rd. 1806 - assist other agency, 24000 bl. Elwell Rd. 2020 - breaking & entering report, Rustic Ln.

2028 - subpoena service, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.

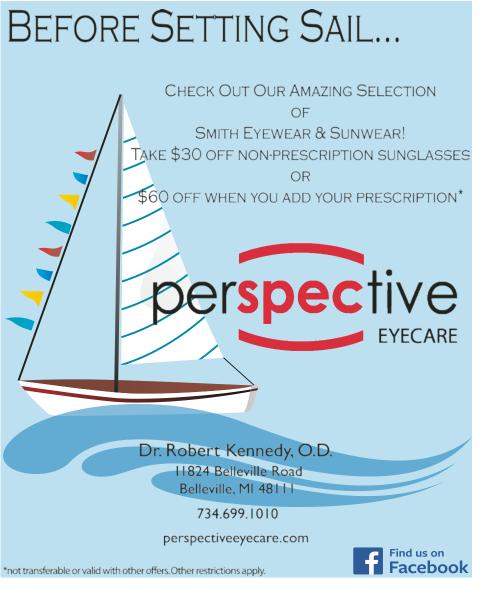
1616 - civil dispute, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.

- 2103 mental health commitment, 42000 bl. Willow Thursday, May 26: 0055 - suspicious vehicle, 8100 bl. Rawsonville
- 0153 well-being check, 46000 bl. Judd Rd. 0914 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Martinsville Rd. 1230 - reckless driver complaint, 19000 bl. Sumpter
- 1352 fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Haggerty Rd. 1709 - larceny, Rustic Ln.
- Friday, May 27: 0724 - fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Bohn Rd.
- 0948 suspicious incident, Wayside 0949 – suspicious vehicle, 28000 bl. Martinsville
- 1109 assist other agency, Sumpter/Bemis 1541 - citizen assist, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
- 1652 traffic hazard, 43000 bl. Judd Rd. 2138 - civil dispute, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd. 2158 - alarm, 49000 bl. Sherwood Ct.
  - 2236 juvenile complaint, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd. Saturday, May 28: 0223 – fight, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
  - 0231 shots fired, California 0326 - suspicious incident, 43000 bl. Paris Dr. 0349 - fire dept. assist, Carriage Ln.
  - 1514 civil dispute, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd. 1548 - unauthorized driving away of auto, 10000
  - 1712 fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Elwell Rd.
  - 2139 citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd. 2145 - animal complaint, 17000 bl. Lohr Rd.

Also on this week's log are 20 follow-up investigations. 38 miscellaneous details, 123 patrol checks, and 50

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## **More Letters**

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Trustee Sherry Frazier.

In retrospect, Mrs. Frazier showed considerable courage. Her observations regarding what appeared to me to be the alarming rate of attrition -- and her requests for exit interviews among departing teachers to determine why -- were met with everything from polite ignorance to eye rolling – figurative if not literal - to palliatives like "we're working on it."

I understand what the board and the former superintendent were trying to do, and how hard they all worked – it was keeping the school district operating with less funding, and a cultural change focused squarely on student achievement.

I work for a private employer, including 20 years as a supervisor. I'm sensitive to the need for the leadership in an organization to achieve the organization's survival in some circumstances, to prosper in better times, and the need for employees to get on board with the organization's needs.

But in this case, so many victims lay in its path. And we owed it to them to ask why they left, and to do something about it if it seemed wrong.

Few stepped forward to speak up, understandably fearing recrimination. But when the five were accused of cheating as proctors administering the M-Step exam and were put on leave, it was the straw that broke camel's back.

Parents of Savage School students and former teachers who could afford to speak out did, coming in droves to school board meetings. And imagine the trepidation among the staff still employed by VBPS, who perhaps quietly but hopefully recognized and supported what was happening.

And that's the point, isn't it? If there is a morale toxin moving among your employees, making them desperately unhappy and afraid, there is little realistic

recourse for them -- you're afraid to speak out for fear of losing your job.

Mr. Van Tassel will be replaced. After a new superintendent is in place, Job #1 of its new leader, the school board and the Human Resources Director should be to set up and execute an ongoing process, ensuring that school district employees are listened to without fear of recrimination.

The school district is accustomed to using outside consultants to assess a situation and to recommend change. I suggest an appropriate amount be reflected in the budget, and for the situation to be closely studied, including benchmarking other school districts. The consultant will report to a small subcommittee representing teachers and staff, parents and the school board.

When implemented, an assessment of the new process should be formally reported on a quarterly basis. Attrition should be monitored. Questions about its rate should be addressed.

An effective exit interview is too late, but it's a start. Teachers need a greater voice in how their schools are run.

Given the outcomes over the last few years, what we evidently had in place wasn't working. And the varied forms of stonewalling despite Frazier's pleas should not be allowed to repeat themselves. We owe our teachers that. Their voices especially complaining voices, should be heard in an effective manner.

Jerry LaVaute Van Buren Township

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And ome with 1600+ Square Feet Offering
Benanting Lake Views, 30 ft Deck, 75 ft Boat
Dock on Belleville Lake. Natural Stone Fireplace, Refinished Hardwood Floors with New Carpet, Partially Finished Basement, 2 1/2 Car



8533 MEADOW SPRINGS, SUMPTER QUALITY BUILT Cape Cod w/ Cherry Cabinets, Marble Counter tops, Ceramic, Hardwood Floors, Oak Trim & Pella Windows. 2 Fire-places, 4 Colossal Bedrooms 3 Full Baths, Finished Walkout Basement & Views of Large Stocked Pond. 2 1/2 Car Garage & 24x30 Pole Barn \$319,900.

AUGUSTA TOWNSHIP VACANT MCKEAN 11+ ACRES SUMPTER TOWNSHIP

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ws in this Custom Built Full Brick 4 Bearoom, 3 Bath Home. More than 150 Feet of Lake Frontage. Home Professionally Designed for Optimum Lakefront Enjoyment and Constructed with an Unyielding Commit Quality. Premiere Lake Lot \$495,000 Commitment to



368 CHURCH BELLEVILLE Timeless Design with Finishing Touches they used to include. Impressive 5 Bedroom, 3 Bath 2811 Square Foot City Home. Large Rooms Everywhere, Master Bedroom with Fireplace, Hardwood Floors and Huge Basement, Bigger Yard with 2 1/2 Car Garage, Seconds to Downtown & First Time Offered at \$250,000.

25817 SUMPTER RD .97 ACRES 26960 SHERWOOD 2.5 ACRES 45885 BEMIS PAVED BUIDABLE LOT 24409 SHERWOOD 1.15 ACRES 20743 GRIFFIN COURT 1.4 AC VACANT RAWSONVILLE 57 AC \$30,000



CACEFUL AND PRIVATE with the of Lake Frontage. 1.7 Acres, First Floor ster, Kitchen with Granite Countertops, Finished Walkout Lower Level with Family Room and Full Bath. Three Decks on All Levels, Hot Tub, Waterfront Dock, New Furnace 2014, Brand New Roof in 2016 This one has it All! \$629,900



17700 ODYSSEY, SUMPTER
GRACED WITH NATURE'S TOUCH OF
PRIVACY. Alluring 3 Bedroom 2 ½ Bath home.
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Constantly, moisting & sundates. Constantly maintained & updated. New roof 2015. Secluded 1.3 Acre Parcel, Screened Porch off deck, 3 Car Garage \$329,900

42915 WILLIS 4 SPLITS \$30,000 TO \$40,000 49317 ARKONA 40.28 ACRES VACANT SUMPTER 7.46 ACRES \$30,000 VINING AND SIBLEY 21+ ACRES \$450,000 WILLOW ROAD 1.36 ACRES BOHN NEAR DUNN 5 ACRES \$25,000 \$29,000

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It's a Showoffs Dream! This exciting custom full brick 4 bedroom, 3 ½ bath home offers it all! Paradise nestled in a private cove with dense foliage for maximum privacy! Ultra premium kitchen, finished walkout basement w/kitchen and bedroom. 175ft boardwalk with dock, large boat house and deck.



12540 BECK, VAN BUREN NATURE'S BEAUTY SURROUNDS this Full Brick Ranch with Walkout Basement in THE Preferred Location. 3 Bedrooms, 2 baths, Family Room with Fireplace, Central Air and Florida Room. Large Barn & Near Belleville Lake. Built with Quality, Fine Design and Pampered with Loving Care \$219,900

BELLEVILLE 337 MAIN .32 ACRES 83X165 VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP 739 SAVAGE PAVED ST 1.02 ACRES \$35,000 47441 MARTZ ROAD 17+ ACRES \$176,000 VACANT BOG ROAD .55 ACRES \$29,750

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PREMIUM BAYSHORE LOCATION. condo is located in the prime site by the end of the point. Views are unreal and offers 2 Bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, Living Room with Fireplace, Walkout Family Room, Mulit Level Decks, 1 Car Attached Garage and More. Pre Approved Buyers only and Now Offered at \$180,000



6315 DENTON , VAN BUREN CLASSIC LINES AND TIMELESS DESIGN. Impressive and Updated 4 Bedroom Victorian Home with Wrap Porch Master Bedroom with Fireplace, Hardwood Floors, Basement, High Energy Efficient Furnace and Updating Everywhere. 2 1/2 Car Garage PLUS Bonus Second Home w 3 bedrooms, 2 baths. \$209,900

VACANT BOG ROAD 1.36 ACRES VACANT BOG RD 12.83ACRES \$129,000
6422 GILMORE 82X165 LOT WITH WATER
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